Year	Cases decided by the court	Conviction	Acquitted	Conviction rate
1988	14106	6808	7298	48.26%
1989	15303	7726	7577	50.49%
1990	18448	9442	9006	51.18%
1991	10086	4847	5239	48.05%

(c) The main reasons for the acquittal are reluctance of witnesses to appear in the court; their turning hostile, or making contradictory statements and delay in trial proceedings.

(d) and (e):- The Delhi Police have reported that no case relating to the incidents of bomb blasts in 1991 has been decided by the court so far.

Employees Of Passport Offices

5847.SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the employees of the Regional Passport Offices throughout the country come under the administrative control of the Ministry of External Affairs:

(b) If so, whether there are two sets of rules prevalent for the Ministry of External Affairs employees and Regional Passport Office employees;

(c) Whether the employees of the Ministry of External Affairs are given regular promotions in the Groups "B" and "C" whereas there had not been such promotions in the Regional Passport Offices: and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Both categories are given regular promotion in Group "B" and "C" as per respective Rules applicable to them.

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(d) Does not arise.

Production Of Pulses

5848. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fluctuation in per hectare production of pulses during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of rise/fall in the per capita availability of pulses during the above period;

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(c) the gap between demand and supply of pulsees at the end of 1991;

(d) the comparative reduction in the land under cultivation of pulses during the last three years; and

(e) the strategy formulated by the Government to boost the production of Pulses

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI